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Letter dated 11 July 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the resolution on the protection of rights and interests of the Republic of Montenegro and its citizens, adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro on 8 July 2000 (see annex).

Slovenia regards the enclosed resolution as a document of great importance, adopted in the crucial moment for the future of the Republic of Montenegro, as well as for the future of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

I should like to request your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Samuel Žbogar
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Aware of the responsibility that we have, on the basis of the Constitution of the Republic of Montenegro, to protect constitutional order and position of Montenegro, its state dignity and development of democracy in Montenegro;

Confirming our earlier stated attitude regarding illegitimacy and illegality of the federal authorities that were constituted against the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Constitution of the Republic of Montenegro, laws and will of the Montenegrin citizens;

Concluding that there is a constant violation of the Constitution of FRY at the expense of Montenegro and its constitutional position stipulated in articles 1 and 6 of the Constitution, and that the latest amendments of the Constitution led to a classic constitutional destruction;

Decided to comply with its constitutional responsibility and will of the citizens of Montenegro expressed at the elections held in 1998;

The Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, at the second meeting of the first regular session in 2000, held on July 8, 2000, promulgated

RESOLUTION
ON THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO AND ITS CITIZENS

1. The Parliament shall not recognise and accept any legal or political act whatsoever passed by the legislative, executive and judicial authorities of the federal state without participation of lawful and legal representatives of Montenegro.
2. The Parliament shall not recognise and accept amendments to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as the amendments were adopted by the illegal and illegitimate Federal Parliament, against the majority will of the citizens of Montenegro and flagrantly violating the constitutional right of the Republic of Montenegro as an equal constituent of the federal state.
3. The Parliament calls upon all the state authorities to act, within the framework of their constitutional and legal powers, in accordance with this resolution and not to implement any decisions whatsoever adopted by the illegitimate and illegal federal authorities and to undertake all the normative and other measures necessary for the protection of interests of the citizens and the Republic of Montenegro and unhindered functioning of its legal system.
4. The Parliament calls upon all the state authorities of the Republic, especially the Ministry of Internal Affairs, political parties, bodies and institutions to contribute through their activities to preserve peace, as well as members of the Yugoslav Army not to allow to be abused against the citizens, institutions and state authorities of the Republic of Montenegro.
5. The Parliament calls upon the citizens of Montenegro, citizens and democratic forces of Serbia as well as international community to help finding peaceful solutions to the problems existing between Montenegro and the state authorities of Serbia and the Federation, respecting the will of citizens, since it is in the interest of both Montenegro and Serbia, but also in the interest of the stabilisation of circumstances in the South East Europe.

No. 02-1812/4
Podgorica, July 8, 2000

PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO

PRESIDENT,

(*Signed*) **Svetozar Marović**